

250 million dollar problem, folks. I don't know how you want to handle it. Senator Warner has tried a couple of things. We've looked for other sources of funds. We'll never be able to handle and begin to manage that problem unless we have in place a management system that helps us do it. And if you look at the flow chart, the first page shows you what we have now. The Legislature, money goes, just like Senator Maurstad pointed out, through the appropriations process to the agencies. The agencies get money to run programs and they have money also to take care of facilities. Look at that. Now look at that, see. You also have money going to a 309 Committee which is deferred and it's used to maintain buildings in all of the agencies. And what happens sometimes, think about this, you get an agency that's running out of money to do programs, God bless them, and they want to do the best they can for the people they serve and the programs they have. So what do they do? They take that money that you see on that front page that's supposed to go for facilities and they put it in the programs. Sometimes we, and in most cases, we have no control over that at all. Is this a good way to do business? Did we budget enough money for programs? If we didn't then we should have done it differently. Are agencies taking money that's supposed to go to buildings and putting it into new programs? Senator Witek talked about bureaucracies, and talk about dangers, that is a real danger. Under LB 530 and LB 568, as we now have, as you can see, it's not too...we tried to copy this so you can get all the dotted lines all in there but, hopefully, you can see it if you put your specks on, like me, you will see that the Legislature still is there through the Appropriations Committee giving money to agencies. And if you will notice, the money that goes to the agencies for programs is still there because that is what we're supposed to do. The agencies justify the money they get for programs in the appropriations process and they also justify what they're supposed to spend on buildings, but that hasn't happened. That's why we've got a 250 million dollar problem. What we intend to do with this legislation is to provide, as you can see there's a little box also that says nonparticipating agencies, that's the university, obviously, but it goes down through 309, the deferred repair, fire, life safety, General Funds, ADC. What this primarily does though is provide, through the State Building Division, a process of applying rents, collecting rents and then making sure that that money is used for the appropriate purpose and as it applies to deferred repair, fire, life and safety also is used appropriately to manage that as well. That's the whole basis, the genesis. I